

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) An implantable intraocular lens, comprising:

an optic comprising a ~~resilient, shape-retaining synthetic~~ material, the optic disposed about an optical axis and including an anterior surface and a posterior surface;

a positioning member operably coupled with the optic and responsive to ciliary body movement in order to change the shape of the optic between a first optic shape and a second optic shape, where the second optic shape has a thickness that is greater than the first optic shape;

the positioning member comprising an outer body and a plurality of spaced-apart arms extending radially between the optic and the outer body in an equatorial plane when the optic has the first shape and when the optic has the second shape, the outer body being ~~that is~~ arcuate when viewed in cross-section along a plane parallel to, and passing through, the optical axis, the outer body including an anterior segment located anterior to the anterior surface of the optic and a posterior segment located posterior to the posterior surface segment of the optic, the optic being connected to the positioning member at a location central to the outer body in a direction along the optical axis;

wherein accommodation is achieved when the optic changes from the first shape to the second shape so as to increase diopter power value of the optic.

33. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 32, wherein the lens is disposed on either side of ~~[[about]]~~ a lens plane which approximately bisects the lens, the optic being connected to the positioning member so that the optic lies substantially along the lens plane.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 32-claim 34, the arms extending along a ~~in~~ a straight line from the optic when the optic has the first optic shape and when the optic has the second optic shape.

36. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, the outer body comprising a plurality of spaced-apart legs configured to engage a capsule of an eye.

37. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 36, the positioning member further comprising a plurality of spaced-apart arms extending radially from the optic to the spaced-apart legs.

38. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 32 ~~claim 37~~, wherein the legs are arcuate in cross-section and include a bight, each of the arms being joined to a corresponding one of the spaced-apart legs at the bight.

39. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, the material being selected from the group consisting of gels, silicone, silicone blends, refractive liquids, elastomeric materials, rubbers, acrylates, and mixtures of the foregoing.

40. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 32, the ~~optics~~ optic being substantially between and captively retained by the anterior and posterior segments of the outer body.

41. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, the lens having an equatorial diameter of from about 8 to 12 mm.

42. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, the lens having a polar height of from about 2 to 5 mm.

43. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, the lens having a diopter value of from about 16 to 26.

44. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 32, wherein the outer body ~~forms an enclosure about~~ is circumferentially disposed completely round the optic, the ~~enclosure~~ outer body having a central opening disposed about and including the optical axis, the central opening being anterior to the anterior surface of the optic.

45. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, wherein the outer body defines an equatorial segment, the anterior and posterior segments of the outer body being located radially inwardly from the equatorial segment.

46. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, wherein the anterior and posterior segments are joined by an equatorial portion configured to provide substantially conforming contact with the inner surface of an equatorial portion of a capsule of an eye.

47. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 32, wherein the anterior segments ~~or the posterior segments~~ are joined by an annular portion, the annular portion located anterior to the optic ~~or posterior to the optic~~.

48. (Currently Amended) An implantable intraocular lens, comprising:

a central polar axis;

an optic comprising a ~~resilient, shape-retaining synthetic material~~; and

a positioning member comprising an outer body including a plurality of anterior segments and a plurality of corresponding posterior segments joined by a plurality of corresponding bights;

a plurality of arms joining the optic to the positioning member at the bights;

the positioning member operably coupled with the optic and responsive to ciliary body movement in order to change the shape of the optic between a first optic shape and a second optic shape having a thickness that is greater than the first optic shape, the anterior segments circumferentially disposed about the central polar axis so as to define a central opening of the outer body, the central opening disposed about and including the central polar axis, the central opening being located in front of the optic;

wherein the arms extend radially between the optic and the outer body in an equatorial plane when the optic has the first shape and when the optic has the second shape.

49. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 48, further comprising an outside dimension along the central polar axis that is from about 1 mm to 5 mm.

50. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 48, wherein the second optic shape has a thickness that is greater than the first optic shape.

51. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 48, wherein the anterior segments ~~are disposed about~~ intersect a first plane that is perpendicular to the central polar axis, the posterior segments ~~are disposed about~~ intersect a second plane that is perpendicular to the central polar axis, and the entire optic is disposed between the first plane and the second plane when the optic has the first shape and when the optic has the second shape.

52. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 48, wherein the posterior segments are disposed about a second central opening of the outer body, the second central opening disposed about and ~~including~~ crossing the central polar axis, the second central opening being located behind the optic.

53. (Currently Amended) An implantable intraocular lens, comprising:
an optic disposed about an axis and comprising a resilient, shape retaining synthetic material; and

a positioning member comprising a plurality of circumferentially spaced-apart arms joined to a plurality of circumferentially spaced-apart positioning legs, each of the positioning legs having an arcuate shape when viewed in cross-section along a plane parallel to, and passing through, the ~~optical~~ axis, the legs being joined with the optic via the arms;

the positioning member operably coupled with the optic and responsive to ciliary body movement in order to change the shape of the optic between a first optic shape and a second optic shape having a thickness that is greater than the first optic shape;

wherein the arms extend radially between the optic and the outer body in an equatorial plane when the optic has the first shape and when the optic has the second shape.

54. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 53, wherein the lens is disposed on either side of ~~[[about]]~~ a plane passing through an equator of an outer body of the positioning member, the arms and optic disposed to lie substantially within the plane.

55. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 53, wherein the second optic shape has a thickness that is greater than the first optic shape.

56. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 53, wherein the legs include anterior and posterior segments, the anterior segments ~~being disposed about~~ intersect a first plane that is perpendicular to ~~central polar the~~ axis, the posterior segments ~~being disposed about~~ intersect a second plane that is perpendicular to ~~central polar the~~ axis, and an entirety of the optic ~~being is~~ disposed between the first plane and the second plane when the optic has the first shape and when the optic has the second shape.

57. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 53, wherein the optic is disposed about the ~~central polar~~ axis, the positioning member ~~forms an enclosure about~~ is circumferentially disposed about the optic, wherein the ~~enclosure~~ positioning member includes a central opening disposed about and ~~including crossing~~ the ~~central polar~~ axis, the central opening being located anterior to the optic.

58. (Currently Amended) The lens of claim 53, wherein the legs define an outer surface of the positioning member, the outer surface having an equator, the surface extending radially inward from the equator, the outer surface being arcuate in cross-section in a plane parallel to,

and passing through, the ~~central-polar-axis~~ when the optic has the first optic shape and the second optic shape.

59. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 53, wherein the legs include an equatorial portion having a size and shape to substantially conform with an inner surface of an equatorial portion of a capsule of an eye.

60. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, wherein the optic includes liquid material or a gel material.

61. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 60, wherein the liquid material or the gel material is enveloped within a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall.

62. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, wherein the optic comprises a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall including an anterior wall portion and a posterior wall portion, the capsule enveloping a discrete liquid material or a discrete gel material disposed between the wall portions thereof.

63. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 48, wherein the optic includes liquid material or a gel material.

64. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 63, wherein the liquid material or the gel material is enveloped within a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall.

65. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 48, wherein the optic comprises a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall including an anterior wall portion and a posterior wall portion, the capsule enveloping a discrete liquid material or a discrete gel material disposed between the wall portions thereof.

66. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 53, wherein the optic includes liquid material or a gel material.

67. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 66, wherein the liquid material or the gel material is enveloped within a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall.

68. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 53, wherein the optic comprises a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall including an anterior wall portion and a posterior wall portion, the capsule enveloping a discrete liquid material or a discrete gel material disposed between the wall portions thereof.

69. (Previously Presented) The lens of claim 32, wherein the optic includes liquid material enveloped within a capsule formed of a thin continuous wall.

70. (New) The lens of claim 32, wherein the anterior segments are joined by an annular portion located anterior to the optic and the posterior segments are joined by an annular portion located posterior to the optic.

71. (New) The lens of claim 32, wherein the anterior segments intersect a first plane that is perpendicular to the optical axis, the posterior segments intersect a second plane that is perpendicular to the optical axis, and the entire optic is disposed between the first plane and the second plane when the optic has the first shape and when the optic has the second shape.

72. (New) An implantable intraocular lens, comprising:

an optic comprising a material, the optic disposed about an optical axis and including an anterior surface and a posterior surface, the optic having a first optic shape and a second optic shape, the first optic shape characterized by a first optic diameter and a first thickness, the second optic shape characterized by a second optic diameter and a first thickness, wherein the second optic diameter is less than the first optic diameter and the second thickness is greater than the first thickness;

a positioning member comprising an outer body and a plurality of spaced-apart arms extending between the optic and the outer body, the outer body being arcuate when viewed in cross-section along a plane parallel to, and passing through, the optical axis, the outer body including an anterior segment located anterior to the anterior surface of the optic and a posterior segment located posterior to the posterior surface segment of the optic, the optic being connected to the positioning member at a location central to the outer body in a direction along the optical axis;

wherein, in response to ciliary body movement of an eye into which the lens is placed, accommodation is produced by a change in optic power due to a change in the shape of the optic from the first optic shape to the second optic shape as the arms of the positioning member move toward the optic.